Principals Report

The inclement weather has put a stop to the Athletics Carnival tomorrow as it is forecast rain and the grounds will be too wet. Finding a new date was a bit of a challenge… but it has been done. Years 2 to 6 will enjoy our NAIDOC Week Performance a little early. They will have it tomorrow so the carnival can move to next Thursday 25/6. Preschool, kindergarten and Year 1 will have the NAIDOC Week performance next Thursday morning, before joining Years 2 to 6 at the oval. It was no trouble at all to reorganise…thank you Mr Cormack!

I have enjoyed reading about half of the children’s reports and will be finishing reading the rest of them this week. It is always good to catch up on where what is happening for each child. Reports come home next week.
Observatory Excursion

Last Tuesday, Years 3 and 4 went to the Sydney Observatory. When we arrived, we were split into three groups. I was picked for the first group with my friends. The first thing we did was to go into a circular room with really comfortable seats, but the most amazing thing was that the ceiling because it was covered with pictures of the Milky Way and heaps of stars that looked very pretty. We also went into the room where there was a big telescope and we all got to look through it. I saw the sun and about eight sun spots. Then we got to watch two 3D movies! One was about a fake story about aliens coming to Earth and the other one was about how big the planets and stars are. Then we went outside for recess and came back to school. It was great fun.

Tilly Collins
3/4D

Sarah 4D has become a member of the Australian Girls’ Choir (pictured in their official jacket). She sang with the choir at their concert last week in front of over 3000 audience members. Congratulations on making into this elite choir and triumphing at your first performance Sarah!

As the school holidays approach don’t forget to fill in one of the leave forms emailed to each family earlier this year if you are hoping to extend your holiday. The forms are also on our website or available from the office.

See you at the carnival next week,
Tracy Gray
SOLO SOIERE – AN AMAZING SUCCESS
On Sunday afternoon the School Hall was transformed into a Recital Hall as 37 (our highest number ever) children ranging from Kindy to Year 6 performed to a very proud and extremely impressed audience. The line-up included vocalists, cellists, violinists, saxophonists, flautists, pianists, trumpeters, a recorder, a trombonist, percussion (drums) clarinetists and a xylophone! The standard was truly outstanding and seeing the enthusiasm and confidence that our children have was quite remarkable. Well done to all participants. For a school of our size, our music programme punches well above its weight. Many thanks to our MC Neville James, Sam Myles (and Mr Nguyen!) for their technical support and to the perpetually unfazed Lisa Healy for pulling the schedule together.

OPERA HOUSE
Next week (June 23rd) the Consort Recorders and Senior Strings will do their rehearsals in preparation for the Opera House concert (August 4th). Thank you to Mr Cormack for accompanying the Recorders to their rehearsal location.
If you haven't already, please get your payment and permission forms into Mel.
NOTE: Tickets go on sale on June 23rd at 9am - they will sell quickly!!
Any questions: contact michelle_stellini@hotmail.com

MUSICAL DATES FOR THE DIARY
• June 23rd - Consort Recorder and Senior Strings Rehearsals 8am – 1pm
• July 26th - Training Band performing at the Inner West Music Festival, Burwood Girls High
• August 16th - Concert Band NSW Festival

Library
Congratulations to KN and 1S for completing the Premier’s Reading Challenge. They have read, listened to or shared thirty books. A special mention to Toby Crowther and Sophie Ekert for individually completing the challenge. There is still plenty of time to add on your books.

Please return all overdue library books or replace the book if is lost. We have so many new books for the children to borrow.  
Mrs Ilieff
Australian Government assistance for National Capital Excursion

Stage 3 students from our school went on an educational tour of the national capital. While on this tour they participated in a variety of educational programmes focused on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit their National Capital as part of their civics and citizenship education. To assist our parents in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government contributed funding of $20 per eligible student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER) programme toward the travel expenses incurred. This contribution was taken off the price of the trip and the school will be reimbursed now the trip has been concluded.

We would like to thank the Australian Government for their support of this program.

The following activities were undertaken as part of the educational tour:

**Itinerary**

**Tuesday 2nd June, 2015**
- Trip
- Early Lunch - Children to bring from home
- Parliamentary Role Play
- Parliament House / Hospitality
- Old Parliament House Tour
- Electoral Education – Old Parliament Garden Walk
- Gold Creek Tourist Resort Rooms/ Dinner
- Gold Creek Tourist Resort – Bed

**Wednesday 3rd June, 2015**
- Breakfast
- National Museum of Australia
- Indonesian Embassy/ Drive around Embassies
- Lunch
- Australian War Memorial
- Gold Creek Tourist Resort
- Dinner
- AIS Sporting Experience
- Gold Creek Tourist Resort – Bed

**Thursday 4th June, 2015**
- Early Breakfast
- Depart for Perisher Smiggins
- Collect Clothing hire from SMC Inn
- Kosciuszko National Park Education Centre
- Lunch at Sawpit Creek Picnic Area
- Fun in snow at Perisher
- Gold Creek Tourist Resort/ Dinner
- Performance Night – Common Room
- Gold Creek Tourist Resort – Bed

**Friday 5th June, 2015**
- Breakfast
- Load Coach
- Questacon
- Australian Institute of Sport – Tour & Sportex
- Lunch in Questacon grounds supplied by Park.
- Return Trip to Sydney
- Comfort Stop along the way.
- Arrive back at School approx. 6:15p.m.

We hope that the excursion was a rewarding experience for all students.

Stage 3 Teachers
KIDS AT THE ARTHOUSE

ENROLMENTS ARE NOW OPEN

AFTER SCHOOL ART PROGRAM
PROGRAM INCLUDES PAINTING, DRAWING, PRINTMAKING, DIGITAL ART, SCULPTURE AND FABRIC ART.
SUBMISSIONS TO ART COMPETITIONS.
CREATIVE AND FUN CLASSES RUN BY A PROFESSIONAL ART TEACHER
OPEN TO K - 6 STUDENTS.
ART MATERIALS AND AFTERNOON TEA PROVIDED.
CLASSES HELD AT BIRCHGROVE PUBLIC SCHOOL
CREATIVE ARTS CLASS WEDNESDAY 3:15pm - 5pm
DRAWING CLASS THURSDAY 3:15pm - 5pm
$30 PER CLASS

CONTACT SABINA: sabina@kidsattheheartouse.com or M:0403768282

KIDS AT THE ARTHOUSE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS:

STUDENTS CHINESE NEW YEAR EXHIBITION AT THE CHINESE GARDEN OF FRIENDSHIP
(DARLING HABOUR) “DREAM” EXHIBITION - 2014 & 2015
FINALIST: AUSSIE ART COMPETITION 2014
WINNER: AVANT CARDS “CALLING ALL ARTIST’S” COMPETITION 2013
FINALIST: AUSSIE ART COMPETITION 2013
WINNER: SYDNEY PORT AUTHORITY POSTER COMPETITION 2012
WINNER: SYDNEY PORT AUTHORITY PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION 2011
WINNER: AVANT CARDS “CALLING ALL ARTIST’S” COMPETITION 2010
COLLABORATIVE PROJECT WITH:
THE AUSTRALIAN NUMERACY AND LITERACY FOUNDATION 2013
THE TAFE ULTIMO SCREEN PRINTING DEPARTMENT 2011

“Logic will get you from A to B. Imagination will take you everywhere.”
SSC Balmain Presents

William Shakespeare’s

Twelfth Night

If music be the food of love…. PLAY ON!

7pm
Wednesday 24th and Thursday 25th June 2015

In the school hall
Tickets on sale at the front office or at the door.
$15 Adults/$10 Students/$30 Family (2 Adults, 2 Kids)